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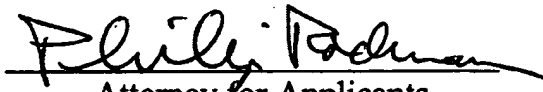
Applicant: Frederick E. MOOTZ et al
Serial No.: 09/626,066 Group Art Unit: 1743
Filing Date: July 26, 2000 Examiner: Dwayne K. Handy
Title: **CUP HANDLING SUBSYSTEM FOR AN
AUTOMATED CLINICAL CHEMISTRY
ANALYZER SYSTEM**
Entity Status: Large Entity
Our Docket: MST 1997.1 (BYR-77)

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of December 8, 2003
which had an absolute deadline of June 8, 2004 for Response.

Since no Response was filed before the absolute deadline of June
8, 2004, the application became abandoned.

The abandonment of this application was unintentional and a Petition to Revive the application accompanies this Amendment, along with a Terminal Disclaimer.

Also enclosed is a Credit Card Payment form for \$1,440 (petition fee of \$1,330 and terminal disclaimer fee of \$110). Please charge any additional fees in connection with this Amendment, Petition to Revive and Terminal Disclaimer to our Deposit Account No. 18-1743.

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